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In Re the Application of:

ABRAMS

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For: "FLOCKED TRANSFER AND
ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE
INCLUDING THE APPLICATION OF)
THE TRANSFER BY
THERMOPLASTIC POLYMER
FILM"

) Group Art Unit: 1771

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**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.312**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) submit this Amendment After Allowance pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.312 in response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due having a mailing date of February 11, 2003.

An amendment may be entered after the mailing of a Notice of Allowance but prior to payment of the issue fee upon the recommendation of the primary examiner. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the above-referenced application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 23, 28, and 29 as follows:

1. *X*. (Once Amended) A flocked transfer consisting essentially of a release sheet, a release agent on the release sheet, and flock on the release agent; the flock being formed

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in a desired pattern; the release agent holding the flock to the release sheet, wherein the transfer is adhered to a substrate and wherein the substrate is applied using a thermoplastic hot melt sheet.

2 ~~2~~. (Twice Amended) The flocked transfer of Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic hot melt sheet is a thermoplastic blank or thermoplastic blank film.

10 ~~23~~. (Once Amended) The flocked transfer of Claim ⁴~~19~~, wherein the first part contacts the flock and is located between the second part and the flock and wherein, when the first and second parts are melted, the first part has a higher viscosity than the second part.

15 ~~28~~. (Once Amended) The flocked transfer of claim ¹³~~26~~, wherein the thermoplastic hot melt sheet is a thermoplastic blank or thermoplastic blank film.

16 ~~29~~. (Once Amended) The flocked transfer of Claim ¹³~~26~~, wherein the flock comprises a plurality of flock fibers, wherein the release agent and release sheet are located on a first surface of the flock, and wherein the free surface and the first surface are defined, respectively, by opposing ends of the flock fibers.

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REMARKS

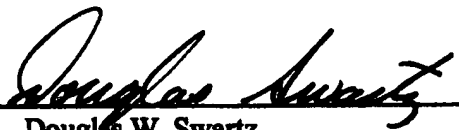
Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made."

The claim amendments require no additional search or examination, and the claims as amended are patentable for the same reasons as the independent claims from which they depend. The amendment is requested to further clarify potential ambiguity in the claims. The claims have not been earlier amended as the need for the amendments was not appreciated when the Amendment and Response was filed. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 19-1970.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that the requirements of 37CFR§1.312 and MPEP§714.16 have been satisfied and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 2, 23, 28, and 29 have been amended as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A flocked transfer consisting essentially of a release sheet, a release agent on the release sheet, and flock on the release agent; the flock being formed in a desired pattern; the release agent holding the flock to the release sheet, wherein the transfer is adhered to a substrate[,] and wherein the substrate is applied using a thermoplastic hot melt sheet.

2. (Twice Amended) The [article]flocked transfer of Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic hot melt sheet is a thermoplastic blank or thermoplastic blank film.

23. (Once Amended) The flocked transfer of Claim 19, wherein the first part contacts the flock and is located between the second part and the flock and wherein, when the first and second parts are melted, the first part has a higher viscosity [temperature] than the second part.

28. (Once Amended) The [article]flocked transfer of claim 26, wherein the thermoplastic hot melt sheet is a thermoplastic blank or thermoplastic blank film.

29. (Once Amended) The flocked transfer of Claim 26, wherein the flock comprises a plurality of flock fibers, wherein the release agent and release sheet are located on a first surface of the flock, and wherein the [thermoplastic hot melt sheet is positioned on a second]free surface [of the flock] and the first [and second] surface[s] are [in an opposing relationship] defined, respectively, by opposing ends of the flock fibers.